

**MINUTES OF THE  
AUBURN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MARCH 1, 2005**

The regular session of the Auburn City Planning Commission was called to order on March 1, 2005 at 7:25 p.m. by Chairman Smith in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** McCord, Merz, S. White, Chrm. Smith

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Powers

**STAFF PRESENT:** Will Wong, Community Development Director; Reg Murray, Associate Planner; Janet Ferro, Administrative Assistant

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

**ITEM II: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of February 1, 2005 were approved as presented.

**ITEM III: PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEM IV: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

- A. Variance – 160 Herrington Drive (Rosene Variance) – File VA 04-9.** The applicant requests approval of a Variance to allow construction of a garage that encroaches three feet (3') into the required front yard setback.

Reg Murray gave the staff report. He advised that the applicant is proposing to enclose the existing carport in order to have a two-car garage. The proposed garage expansion/remodel cannot be pro-

vided without encroaching into the required front yard setback. The applicant is therefore seeking a variance to allow the proposed garage to encroach 3' into the 20' front yard setback. Staff supports the request.

The public hearing was opened.

Don Rosene, applicant, further described the proposal.

The public hearing was closed.

Chrm. Smith felt the changes proposed would enhance the neighborhood and the other Commissioners agreed.

Comm. White **MOVED** to:

- A. Find the project Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301; and
- B. To adopt the following findings of fact for the Rosene Variance at 160 Herrington Street:
  - 1. The granting of the variance will not be inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity and district in which the property is situated; and
  - 2. That, because of special circumstances applicable to the subject property, including size, shape, topography, location, or surroundings, the strict application of the provisions of this chapter is found to deprive the subject property of privileges enjoyed by other properties in the vicinity in the same district; and
- C. To approve the Rosene Variance at 160 Herrington Street subject to the conditions of approval listed below.

Comm. McCord **SECONDED**.

AYES: McCord, Merz, White, Chrm. Smith  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Powers

The motion was approved.

The Chairman announced the 10-day appeal period.

**ITEM V: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

**A. City Council Meetings**

Director Wong reviewed recent City Council meetings.

**B. Future Planning Commission meetings.**

Director Wong discussed future meetings.

**C. Reports**

None.

**ITEM VI: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS**

None.

**ITEM VII: FUTURE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

Chrm. Smith would like a discussion at a future meeting on how the Planning Commission and Historic Design Review Commissions do business.

**ITEM VIII: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Elaine Ferro, Administrative Secretary